

The Shoreline

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April/May 2022

From the President...

Another summer season of "life at the lake" is fast approaching. Soon we'll be enjoying fishing, boating and swimming. The sounds of children playing in the water and the smell of someone grilling "something good" will fill the air. Reading a book on the dock and happy hour cruises will return.

As we step into the 51st year of the Portage Crooked Lake Improvement Association we have many things to look forward to. Back to the Lakes kicks off the season on April 30th. We are excited to have Natasha Bartolotta from The National Loon Center as our guest speaker.

We have other events planned including the return of the Family Fun Event on the 4th of July. Last year was the first year of this triathlon themed event, which had a fantastic turn out and very positive feedback. We're looking to making this even better this year! Check out the calendar of events planned for this summer and mark your calendars.

In other matters, we will be assessing the effectiveness of last years milfoil treatment and determining what our next steps may be. We're hopeful the new generation of treatments available will be as effective here as they have been on other lakes.

The channel between Portage and Hanks is another area of concern. Hopefully we will see water levels rise this spring and the ability to navigate through the channel restored. However, the ongoing use of this area as a place to park a boat and play will continue to cause the collapse of the channel. It's important the channel remains passable, especially if emergency services (Sherriff, Search and Rescue) are needed in Portage.

Let's have a great and safe summer!

Scott Maghan

Welcome Back to the Lakes

Date: Sat., April 30, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Rocky Bottom at the Y in Garrison

Featuring guest speaker,
Natasha Bartolotta from
The National Loon Center



MARK YOUR CALENDAR 2022



*All scheduled events are subject to change

Welcome Back to the Lakes

Saturday, April 30th

9 a.m.

Rocky Bottom at the Y in Garrison

Summer Picnic & Get Together

Saturday, June 18th

Larson Residence 14265 Maghan Lane
Details in this newsletter

Pontoon & Boat Parade

Saturday, July 3rd

Details in next newsletter

2nd Annual Family Fun Event

Sunday, July 4th

Details in next newsletter

Fall Dinner & Business Meeting

Saturday, September 10th

Details in August newsletter

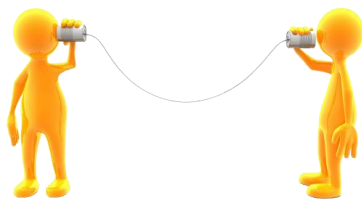
TREASURER'S REPORT

	Beginning Balance 1/1/2022	Income	Expense	Ending Balance 3/31/2022
Aquatic Invasive Species Fund	\$3,897.85	\$955.00		\$4,852.85
Fish Stocking Fund	\$1,076.30	\$570.00		\$1,646.30
Healthy Lakes Fund	\$5,911.63	\$350.00		\$6,261.63
General Fund		\$365.00	\$109.58	\$255.42
Interest Inc		\$1.56		\$1.56
Membership Dues		\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00
Total General Fund	\$35,655.93			\$35,655.93
	\$46,541.71	\$3,741.56	\$109.58	\$50,173.69

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has submitted their 2022 membership forms and dues. We received an impressive number of responses this year, and we appreciate your commitment to the lake association.

If you haven't had a chance to renew your membership, you can access the *2022 PCLIA Membership Form* at www.pclia.com.



LAKE COMMUNICATION

Website

www.pclia.com has been recently updated. It provides a variety of lake association information as well as DNR resources.

Facebook

The PCLIA has a Facebook page for members to join and receive information on the association and its activities. Search *PCLIA of MN* on your Facebook home page, and you should be directed to the page where you can join the group.

PCLIA Board of Directors

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Meetings

Held at Bay Lake Town Hall at 9:00 a.m.
April 2nd
May 7th
August 6th
October 8th

* scheduled meetings are subject to change



SUMMER GOLF

Looking for golfers interested in participating in either senior (55+) men's or women's informal golf groups during the 2021 season at Ruttger's. Ruttger's membership and regular attendance not required. Focus is more on fun than competition.

For information email:

golfatruttgers@gmail.com for men and
ntighe1023@gmail.com for women.

Water Safety

While reviewing old editions of the Shoreline, this topic appears in many of them, going back many years. It seems to be a reoccurring theme. Most days the boaters on our chain of lakes are respectful of each other and operate their watercraft responsibly. However, there are times when that is not the case. So, what do you do when that occurs? The Crow Wing County Sheriff is available to address these issues. They can be reached at 218-829-4749, or 911 in the event of an emergency. Photos or videos of the boat with registration numbers are helpful.

Let's have a fun and safe season on the water!



SUMMER PICNIC & GET TOGETHER

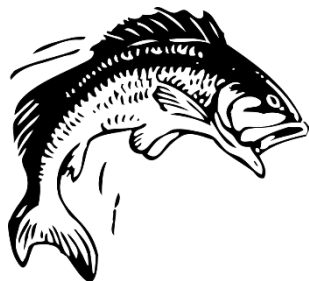


The summer picnic is Saturday, June 18, beginning at 12 noon. It will be held at the Larson's on Sugar Bay (14265 Maghan Lane). We will be serving brats & hotdogs. Last year we had a great turnout; we hope you can attend. If so, please email Andy Larson at andylarson1959@hotmail.com and let us know how many will be attending. Please bring a lawn chair.

DID YOU KNOW?

The channel from Crooked going into Sugar Bay, nearest Sugar Bay, used to be narrower than what the channel markers are placed at today. Pilings were driven into the ground and boards attached to keep the land from falling into the channel. Erosion over the years has washed away the land on both sides of the channel.

A new lake directory is currently in the production stage. The information you provided on your 2022 membership form will help us create this updated version. Distribution will take place this summer. One copy will be made available to each paid 2022 membership.



On November 15th, 2021 the walleye stocking was completed.

- The distribution, as specified by the DNR, was:
 - Crooked – 95lbs @ 12 fish/pound = 1,140 fingerlings
 - Portage – 62lbs @ 12 fish/pound = 744 fingerlings
 - Hanks – 38lbs @ 12 fish/pound = 456 fingerlings
 - Total of 195lbs and 2,340 fingerlings
- The next stocking opportunity is in 2023

We're interested in what you are catching!

We're very interested in knowing if we're catching any walleyes. We hope you will share any success you have with us. We're not looking for information about your secret fishing hole or bait! But we'd really like to know if any are being caught, and what size they are.

If you'd like to help us out, please send the number, size and lake where they were caught to pclia.fishing@gmail.com.



Can You Help?



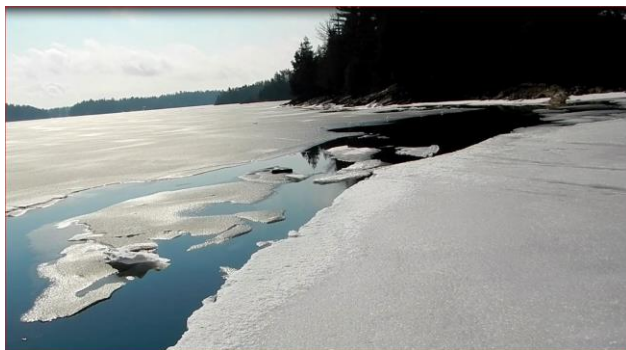
As many of you know, to help control the spread of invasive species such as Zebra mussels Crow Wing County pays for inspectors at our public boat access. Unfortunately, for 2022 the County has reduced the hours they will staff the public access.

We feel it's important to protect our lakes and the PCLIA had budgeted funds to pay for additional inspector coverage at the boat access. However, with the County reduction the amount the PCLIA had budgeted is not enough to cover the full seasons inspection costs. We need an additional \$1,700 to fully cover the inspection costs at the public access for 2022.

Can you help? If you are willing to help pay for the additional inspection costs please send a check to the PCLIA at PO Box 564 Deerwood, MN 56444. Please mark the check "Inspection". Thank you for your consideration and let's all do what we can to help protect our beautiful lakes.

*Crow Wing County is looking for inspectors for the coming season. Contact Nicole Erickson at (218)-537-0077 if interested.

So How Does the Lake Ice Melt?



You may notice the ice turns black in some spots and begins to look slushy and opaque. Once the snow melts off the top of the ice, the ice is exposed to the sun. The ice then acts as a greenhouse to the lake water, and as the sun shines on the ice, it heats the water underneath the ice. The ice then starts to melt from the bottom, where it is touching the water. When the ice thickness erodes to between 4 and 12 inches, it transforms into long vertical crystals called “candles.” These conduct light well, so the ice starts to look black, because it is not reflecting much sunlight.

As the sun continues to heat the ice, the water below the ice continues to warm. Meltwater fills in between the crystal, which begin breaking apart. The surface appears grayish as the ice reflects a bit more light than before.

Then, all we need is a windy day to break the surface ice apart. The ice candles will often be blown to one side of the lake, making a tinkling sound as they knock against one another, and pile up on the shore. It’s amazing how this final process seems to take just a few hours where one day the lake is ice-covered and the next it is not.

Over the next weeks, the speed of the ice-out process will be dependent on how much sun and wind we get. Only time and the weather will tell how much later than average our ice will go out this year.

The text about lake ice melting was adapted from Ed Swain, MPC.

Year Ice Out Date

2022	?
2021	April 6, 2021
2020	April 15, 2020
2019	April 23, 2019
2018	May 2, 2018
2017	April 3, 2017
2016	March 29, 2016
2015	April 9, 2015
2014	April 29, 2014
2013	May 11, 2013
2012	March 23, 2012
2011	April 22, 2011
2010	April 2, 2010
2009	April 20, 2009
2008	May 1, 2008
2007	April 20, 2007
2006	April 9, 2006
2005	April 11, 2005
2004	April 15, 2004
2003	April 14, 2003
2002	April 16, 2002
2001	April 24, 2001
2000	March 27, 2000
1999	April 11, 1999
1998	April 5, 1998
1997	April 21, 1997
1996	April 26, 1996
1995	April 29, 1995
1994	April 8, 1994
1993	April 19, 1993
1992	April 6, 1992
1991	No record
1990	April 21, 1990
1989	April 24, 1989
1988	April 14, 1988
1987	April 5, 1987
1986	April 13, 1986
1985	April 16, 1985
1984	April 16, 1984
1983	April 24, 1983
1982	April 26, 1982
1981	April 6, 1981
1980	April 21, 1980
1979	May 2, 1979
1978	April 26, 1978

**These dates represent when the ice is off all the chain of lakes.*

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Fun Facts About Loons

- *The red in the loon’s eye helps it to see under water.
- *Loons can fly more than 75 miles per hour.
- *The bones of most birds are hollow and light, but loons have solid bones.
- *The extra weight helps them dive as deep as 250 feet to search for food. They can stay underwater up to five minutes.
- *Because their bodies are heavy relative to their wing size, loons need a 100-to 600-foot “runway” in order to take off from a lake.
- *Scientists think loons can live for 30 years or more.

Join us at Welcome Back to the Lakes on April 30th to learn more about loons!

- MN Department of Natural Resources

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